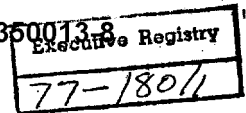




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January 19, 1977

His Excellency  
Huang Chen  
The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China  
2300 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

The Bush family was in seventh heaven at that lovely family dinner the other night. I just can't thank you and Chu Lin enough for your warm hospitality. It almost felt like "coming home." I also was delighted to have a chance to visit with you and talk to you about the way we see world happenings, and a chance to visit with our other Chinese friends there.

When you mentioned that we might be welcome on a return visit to China, it brought great joy to my heart. Barbara and I would really like to do this and if it is not presumptuous, I would like to contact you after we return to Texas to see when a return visit might be convenient.

We went down to Houston and I had a chance to see our new home. One thing about it, there is plenty of room for you, Chu Lin and any others from the PRC Liaison Office to visit us should you be able to come back to Houston. You would be more than welcome.

Thank you, my friend, for a lovely evening that we Bushes will not soon forget.

Yours very truly,

/s/ George Bush  
George Bush

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TO: DCI  
FROM: NIO/China

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I've checked with DDO and they have no record of anyone else being invited to your dinner with Huang Chen tonight. There is no indication of anyone from State going. STA

Huang Chen was down in Houston for 3 days (3-6 January 1977) accompanied by [redacted] Huang was the guest of Kellogg, Cameron Iron and an outfit called International Systems and Controls. While there he saw NASA, the port of Houston and AMOCO facilities. Huang was accompanied by Hsu Shang-wei (interpreter), Chang Chin-hua Commercial chief, Tung Chih-kuang and his wife Wang Hung-pao (they came to your place for tea) -- and of course his wife Chu Lin. The group also visited New Orleans as guests of the Port Authority


[redacted] says Huang was healthy and joyful throughout the trip. Huang counseled patience on Taiwan, was generally relaxed about Sino-U.S. relations but was advocating the merits of normalization everywhere. The young turks with him were more aggressive on Taiwan and often whispered in Huang's ear after he made one of his expansive remarks. STA

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Note of Things to Come: Huang now seems to want to go to Atlanta next month to see the Coca-Cola people -- he appears to know where some of the action will be. He also would like to visit Disney World. Maybe you can work out a trade in future trips -- yours for his -- on the basis of "reciprocity and mutual benefit".

  
James R. Lilley